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## **Raising Awareness for Endosalpingiosis**

State Senator Janis Ringhand (D-Evansville) has introduced a Senate Resolution to declare the month of March as Endosalpingiosis Awareness Month.

Endosalpingiosis is a rare disease that exclusively affects women, mostly between the ages of 20–49. Common symptoms of Endosalpingiosis include pelvic pain, infertility, menstrual irregularities, and dyspareunia, along with chronic back pain being reported as a common issue years before diagnosis.

Endosalpingiosis can only be diagnosed only through surgical biopsy. Some of the biggest issues that patients face are uncertainty about how the condition develops and a lack of doctors who specialize in treating the disease.

“Currently, there is no cure or known treatment for Endosalpingiosis,” said State Senator Janis Ringhand. Little research has been done to understand the total impacts of the disease so increasing awareness and educating the public is vital to supporting those impacted by Endosalpingiosis in Wisconsin.”

Endosalpingiosis Foundation has been working tirelessly to provide a support system for those who are diagnosed with the disease and continue to raise awareness and funding for research.

“We need to reach every person that is affected by this rare disease. Increasing awareness of Endosalpingiosis will help us to expand research, treatment and knowledge of the disease. We need to all come together to make this happen.” said Tabitha Frank President and Founder from the Endosalpingiosis Foundation. “We appreciate the effort of Senator Ringhand and the legislature to help us raise awareness for Endosalpingiosis throughout Wisconsin.”

Senator Ringhand said that she hopes that Senate Joint Resolution 52 could come to vote this fall to give plenty of time to prepare their educational effort in March.

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